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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2002, please reconsider the present application in view of the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 17 and 19 to 38 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1 TO 18 AND 19 TO 38 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1 to 18 and 19 to 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for allegedly